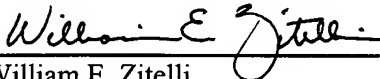


REMARKS

In the above referenced Office action, claims 1-14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over USP 3,603,811 to Day et al. in view of USP 5,729,418 to Lei. Claims 15-20 were allowed.

In response, claims 1-14 are cancelled by the this amendment. Accordingly, the instant application with remaining allowed claims 15-20 is considered in condition for allowance and therefore, an early issuance of the instant application is earnestly solicited.

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